

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Fort George G. Meade Water Tower #001 Inventory Number: AA-2371
Northwest of intersection of Simonds and
Address: Zimborski Streets City: Fort George G. Meade Zip Code: 20755-5115
County: Anne Arundel USGS Topographic Map: Laurel, MD
Owner: Fort George G. Meade Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Project: Fort Meade Cultural Resource Management Plan Update Agency: U.S. Army
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

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Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____

Jonathan Sager
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Blunt
Reviewer, NR Program

1/24/08
Date

1/28/08
Date

200704180

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NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Continuation Sheet No. 1

AA-2371

Water towers are common features on military installations. They are primarily used to hold water for human consumption or fire fighting. Historically, water towers were frequently used to store water for agricultural or transportation uses. The water stored in the water towers at Fort Meade is potable.

WT001 was considered for NRHP eligibility in association with National Register Criteria A and C, and it was found that the water tower was not associated with events that have made a significant contribution in American history, is not the work of a master, and does not have distinctive characteristics. In addition, the water tower's setting has been altered, affecting the integrity of the tower. Building 8601, the remaining building associated with the CMTC training, has been altered and was found not eligible for the NRHP in the 1994 CRMP. The removal of the remaining buildings associated with the CMTC training affect the feeling and association of the tower. Additionally, in 1954 a new cantonment area was constructed surrounding WT001, further compromising the integrity of the setting. Therefore, WT001 is not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, MD
21203-1715

Prepared by: _____

Date Prepared: December 2006

Water Tower #1
MIHP #: AA 2371
Fort George G. Meade
1928
Public Access

Capsule Summary

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. AA-2371

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Fort Meade Water Tower #001

other WT001

2. Location

street and number Northwest of intersection of Simonds and Zimborski Streets ☐ not for publication

city, town Fort George G. Meade ☐ vicinity

county Anne Arundel

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Fort George G. Meade

street and number telephone 301-677-9855

city, town Fort Meade state MD zip code 20755-5115

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber folio

city, town tax map tax parcel tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☒ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

Inventory No. AA-2371

Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1928

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register☐ Maryland Register☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Fort George G. Meade Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan, December 2006.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property ¼ acre
Acreage of historical setting same
Quadrangle name Laurel, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title			
organization	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District	date	December 2006
street & number	P.O. Box 1715	telephone	410-962-4995
city or town	Baltimore	state	MD

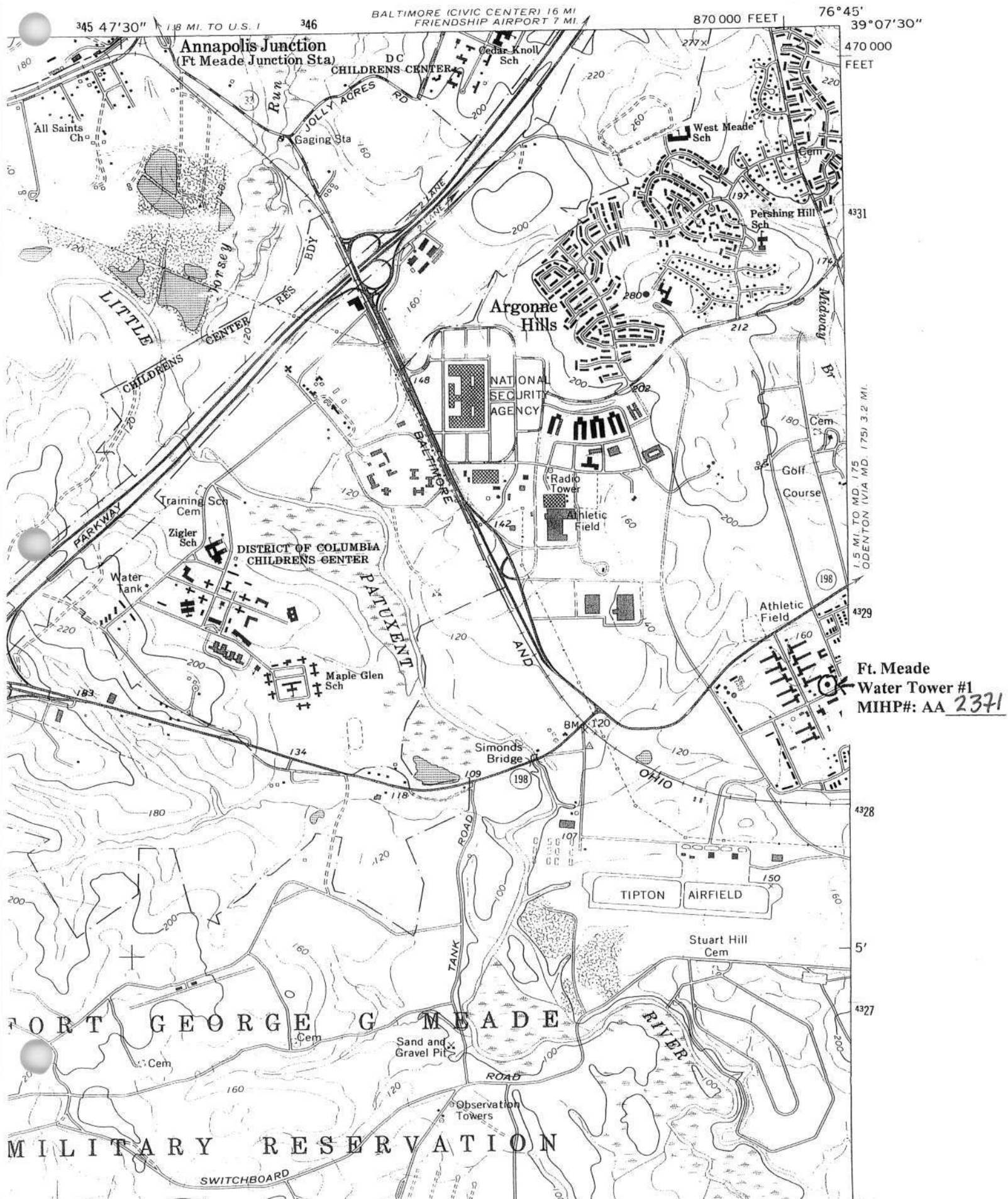
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5662 II NW
(RELAY)





FORT MEADE
UNITY OF EXCELLENCE

1. AA 2371
2. WT $\phi\phi 1$, FORT MEADE
3. ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
4. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, BALTIMORE DISTRICT
5. NOVEMBER 2005
6. USACE, BALTIMORE DISTRICT
7. VIEW FACING NORTH
8. 1DF1

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